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1887 & 1888.

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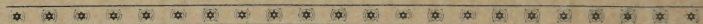
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ANNUAL REPORT

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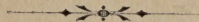
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— OF THE —

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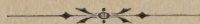
— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1888.



MEREDITH, N. H.:
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1888.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.



THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1888.

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH,	CR.
By balance reported March 1st, 1887,	\$1,739.12
By assessment of State Tax,	1,708.00
" County Tax,	2,427.24
" School Money, by law,	1,494.50
" " " by vote,	600.00
" for Wamesit Engine Company,	1.00
" Decoration Day,	1.00
" Road Machine,	1.00
" Taking care of Library,	1.00
" Books for Library,	1.00
" Overlay by percentage,	67.80
" Dog Tax,	157.00
" Non-resident Highway Tax,	154.57
" Village School District Tax,	248.23
By amount of Insurance Tax,	18.75
" Railroad Tax,	503.88
" Savings Bank Tax,	2,999.86
" Literary Fund,	266.40

By amount received of Belknap County for 1886,	\$251.02
“ “ “ “ 1887,	404.93
“ “ C. E. Pike, tax, for 1886,	1.03
“ “ G. H. Lougee, “	1.03
“ “ Newell C. Prescott, “	1.03
“ “ D. W. Maloon, “	1.03
“ “ William F. Durrell, “	1.18
“ “ Rufus K. Durrell, “	1.69
“ “ William Clark, aid for 1886,	6.49
“ “ Charles Clark, “	5.50
“ “ Town Clerk, license on billiard table, from A. F. Clark,	10.00
“ “ Rent Town Hall above expenses,	43.16
“ “ B. B. Rollins, Health Officer,	9.00
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	\$13,127.44

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH, DR.

PAID PAUPER ROADS.

Paid Frank B. Swain, plank and repairing Hermit road,	\$14.63
Daniel R. Caverly, labor on Turnpike road,	26.00
Frank B. Swain, breaking Hermit road, winter '86-7,	19.77
Noah L. Sinclair, breaking road, Dis. 16, “	13.09
Daniel R. Caverly, “ Turnpike road, “	25.15
F. B. Swain, labor on Hermit road, summer, '87,	17.35
N. B. Plummer, breaking Pauper road, winter, '86-7,	12.80
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	\$128.79

PAID BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Lucius C. Kelley, breaking roads winter of '86-7, and repairing highway in fall of '86,	\$150.72
F. P. Marston, breaking roads in Dis. 21, winter '86-7,	39.79

Paid D. R. Caverly,	Dis. 36, 1886 and 1887,	\$6.75
Isaiah Swain,	" 37, "	51.31
J. C. Thompson,	" 35, "	25.74
D. L. Alexander,	" 2, "	26.21
W. H. Brown,	" 6, "	7.25
A. J. Swain,	" 29, "	2.79
John W. Eastman,	" 32, "	43.45
N. B. Plummer,	" 24, "	27.77
Luther N. Chase,	" 23, "	22.19
Oscar J. Piper,	" 20, "	26.70
S. A. Garland,	" 12, "	19.65
W. L. Crockett,	" 30, "	10.43
David Brown,	" 36, "	41.50
Albert B. Piper,	" 25, "	30.52
Simeon D. Hinds,	" 31, "	12.82
Frank Chase,	" 26, "	58.38
Andrew J. Chase,	" 19, "	21.00
Frank P. Corliss,	" 17, "	41.74
L. S. Pease,	" 14, "	30.12
O. M. Carr,	" 15, "	33.27
W. S. Smith,	" 34, "	44.21
G. L. P. Corliss,	" 18, "	20.05
Perry N. Chase,	" 22½, "	9.88
J. E. Mudgett,	" 28, "	21.31
W. K. Kimball,	" 27, "	33.67
Mrs. C. P. Wiggin,	" 10, "	16.97
Samuel Jenness,	" 8, "	12.80
Moses R. Chase,	" 22, "	18.90
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		\$907.89

PAID ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Moses Weeks, plank, Dis. 36,	\$9.47
Thomas Perkins, labor on highway, Dis. 22½,	6.30
" " " " "	40.85

Paid W. H. Brown, labor on Hawkins' bridge,	\$191.51
E. W. Prescott, " Fernald bridge,	153.01
Sanders Bros., for sewer pipe,	100.73
G. H. Clark & Co., bridge plank and timber,	122.11
" " "	16.61
M. S. Swain, labor on highway, Dis. 32,	2.25
W. H. Brown, " Cass hill,	15.95
William Neal, sewer pipe for Water st.,	15.80
J. Richardson, labor on highway, Dis. 17,	41.81
J. S. Dolloff, " " 22,	25.00
J. I. Prescott, 180 loads gravel used in '84-5,	27.00
F. P. Corliss, labor on highway, Dis. 17, summer, '87,	49.81
W. L. Crockett, " " 28 and 30, "	14.50
J. C. Thompson, " " 35, "	6.95
J. H. Jenness, " " 8, "	26.38
A. K. Veasey, " " and cutting bushes	
Dis. 20, summer, '87,	6.50
Bartlett & Smith, brick, grate, flange, labor and ce- ment, Dis. 13,	20.25
Benj. Perkins, bridge plank, Dis. 29,	6.64
C. S. Prescott, " " 13,	13.17
A. Barney, "	12.03
Mrs. Isaiah Swain, labor on highway, Dis. 37,	6.36
Meredith Shook & Lumber Co., bridge plank,	17.47
C. Morrill, drawing plank and covering bridge, Dis. 36,	3.00
J. T. Sturtevant, sewer pipe,	50.60
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	\$1,002.06

PAID PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Josiah S. Morse and family,	\$120.00
E. H. Maloon, aid to Mrs. G. Maloon,	160.00
Mrs. L. S. Davis, board of C. L. Davenport to Feb. 1st, '88,	54.25

Paid Dr. F. L. Hawkins, medical attendance and medicine to Mrs. Stephen Chase,	\$61.00
Mrs. L. S. Davis, keeping transient,	4.25
Dr. F. L. Hawkins, medical aid to Dudley Bailey,	28.00
S. J. Hall, shoveling snow, digging grave and closing up same for Joseph Blake,	4.00
John Webster, board of and taking care of Lizzie Bigelow, from July 16th to Sept. 1st, '87,	14.00
J. I. Prescott, rent for Mrs. A. Clement, from Feb. 3d, to June 3d, 1887,	20.00
S. A. Ladd, rent of house for Mrs. F. Perkins, from May 1st to Sept. 17th, 1886.	24.08
H. H. Piper, keeping transient,	6.00
E. C. Mansfield, suit clothes for N. D. Sanborn,	7.50
“ “ pants for Dr. H. Robinson,	3.00
G. D. Taylor, wood for Mrs. F. Perkins,	2.25
Edwin Cox, carrying D. Bailey to County farm,	5.00
Dr. F. L. Hawkins, medical attendance to family of Frank Swain,	24.60
Dr. F. L. Hawkins, medical attendance to Mrs. J. B. Swain,	3.00
J. S. Young, rent for family of Mrs. Forest Perkins, from Feb. 1st, '87, to Feb. 1st, '88,	60.00
Sam. Hodgson, wood for Edd. Willey,	3.50
P. D. Blaisdell, supplies to Forest Perkins' children,	46.40
P. D. Blaisdell, supplies to Mrs. Wayland Cram,	18.93
Town of Centre Harbor, aid to W. B. Reynolds,	30.00
P. D. Blaisdell, supplies to N. N. Sanborn,	19.08
D. A. Ambrose, coffin, robe and services at burial of Mrs. N. Sanborn,	17.00
C. S. Prescott, rent for Mrs. Colburn,	11.00
D. A. Ambrose, coffin, robe and services at burial of Lizzie Bigelow,	18.00
D. A. Ambrose, services as Coroner and traveling expenses,	11.50

Paid C. S. Prescott, board of C. L. Davenport,	\$8.00
Nancy J. Leavitt, board and aid to Dudley Bailey,	21.86
Pease & Towle, supplies to Edd. Willey,	6.50
P. D. Blaisdell, supplies to J. C. Page,	2.00
“ “ “ Mrs. Frank Swain,	6.00
“ “ “ Edd. Willey,	13.26
“ “ “ Charles E. Clark,	5.50
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	\$839.46

PAID VILLAGE AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid Aaron S. Clough, Village District,	\$1,019.79
George G. Hoyt, Town District,	1,310.23
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	\$2,330.02

PAID GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid P. D. Blaisdell, nails and bolts for Fernald bridge,	\$4.88
Dr. N. C. Nutting, recording births and deaths for year ending Dec, 31, 1886,	2.75
Dr. N. C. Nutting, recording births and deaths for year ending Dec. 31st, 1887,	2.25
Dr. Geo. Sanborn, recording births and deaths from March 1st, 1884, to March 1st, 1887,	19.00
Dr. F. L. Hawkins, recording births and deaths for year ending Dec. 31st, 1887,	7.75
Ira C. Boynton, registrating births and deaths for year ending Dec. 31st, 1887,	12.60
Aaron S. Clough, for Town Library,	250.00
Geo. F. Sanborn, printing notices,	2.50
Geo. K. James, Decoration Day,	100.00
J. S. Roberts, Wamesit Engine Co., by vote,	300.00
A. H. Pitman, damage to meat wagon,	10.00

Paid D. M. Whitcher, damage to sleigh,	\$3.00
M. S. Swain, " "	1.65
J. L. Glidden, " harness and sleigh,	3.00
F. E. Clough, " self and team,	47.00
O. R. Woodman, " "	25.00
C. A. Clark & Co., printing Town reports, '87,	40.00
" " " Collector's blanks and notices,	5.25
C. A. Clark & Co., taking care of Library to Mar. 1st, 1887,	40.00
Thomas P. Perkins, watering trough for '87,	3.00
W. S. Mead, " " '85 and '86,	6.00
J. H. Plaisted, " " '86 and '87,	6.00
John Dearborn, " " '87,	3.00
H. F. Hawkins, " " " and moving fence on plains,	8.00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books and stationery,	12.15
J. W. Beede & Co., powder and fuse,	1.26
D. B. Eaton, one-half day's attendance at road hearing, and rails for bridge,	1.25
J. S. Roberts, Engine Co., by law,	180.00
American Road Machine Co., road machine,	250.00
J. M. Bedee, freight on " "	8.80
G. L. P. Corliss, working road machine and use of team for same,	70.23
O. N. Roberts, working road machine,	33.00
J. H. Knowles, board of Selectmen and Supervisors from Feb. 1st, 1887, to Feb. 1st, 1888,	30.12
N. B. Plummer, sheep killed by dogs in '87,	5.00
" " " " '86,	5.00
M. H. Burden, lamb killed by dogs in '87,	2.00
F. H. Cram, insuring Town Hall from Jan. 10th, 1888, to Jan. 10th, 1889,	45.00
S. W. Rollins, legal advice and services to Mar. 4, 1887,	26.50

Paid G. G. Hoyt, services and expenses as member of Town School Board for year ending Mar. 1, '88,	\$70.00
John Webster, services and expenses as member of Town School Board for year ending Mar. 1, '88,	70.00
J. S. Piper, services as Fish and Game Warden,	21.00
J. W. Quimby, " " "	19.50
B. B. Rollins, services as Health Officer and use of team for year ending Mar. 1, '88,	51.65
D. R. Caverly, collecting taxes in full for '86,	2.00
J. W. Lang, Jr., services as Special Police July 3d and 4th, '87,	3.00
R. S. Moses, services as Special Police,	6.00
Phillip McCrillis, " Police,	25.00
Chas. H. Perkins, " "	25.00
Phillip McCrillis, " Truant Officer,	10.00
Philip D. Blaisdell, " Auditor for 1887,	2.00
Geo. G. Hoyt, " " "	2.00
D. H. Clark, Supervisor for 1887,	8.00
John S. Dolloff, " "	8.00
Philip D. Blaisdell, " "	8.00
Ira C. Boynton, services as Town Clerk to Mar. 1, '88,	50.00
T. S. Moses, " Treasurer "	66.00
W. S. Smith, services as Selectman from Mar. 1st, to Mar. 8th, 1887,	10.00
William Neal, services as Selectman from Mar. 1st, to Mar. 8th, 1887,	2.00
Edwin Cox, for use of team and cash paid out to Mar. 1st, 1888,	17.00
Edwin Cox, services as Selectman to Mar. 1, '88,	150.00
W. H. Brown, use of team and cash paid out to Mar. 1, 1888,	14.67
W. H. Brown, services as Selectman to Mar. 1, '88,	90.00
J. W. Eastman, use of team and cash paid out,	15.00
" " services as Selectman to Mar. 1, '88,	90.00
D. R. Caverly, abatements Town list, '87,	65.86

Paid D. R. Caverly, abatements Village School Dis.,	\$5.32
Non-resident highway receipts,	97.40
State Tax,	1,708.00
County Tax,	2,427.24
Village School District,	242.91
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	\$6,955.99

RECAPITULATION.

By whole amount of receipts,	\$13,127.44
Paid Pauper Roads,	\$128.79
Breaking “	907.89
Roads and Bridges,	1,002.06
Pauper Bills,	839.46
Village and Town School Districts,	2,330.02
General Expenses,	6,955.99
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	\$12,164.21
Leaving a balance of	<hr/>
	\$963.23

Which is accounted for as follows :—

Due on D. R. Caverly's list of 1887,	\$74.69
Cash in Treasury to balance,	888.54
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	\$963.23

MEREDITH, N. H., March 7, 1888.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, we find them correctly cast and well vouched.

PHILIP D. BLAISDELL,	} Auditors.
GEO. G. HOYT,	

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN COX,	} Selectmen
WILLIAM H. BROWN,	
JOHN W. EASTMAN.	
	} of
	} Meredith.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN HALL.

Received for rent,	\$252.00
Paid R. S. Moses, janitor, wood and oil.	\$69.84
“ “ care of hall 139 times,	139.00
Balance,	43.16
	————\$252.00

EDWIN COX,	} Selectmen of Meredith.
WILLIAM H. BROWN,	
JOHN W. EASTMAN,	

LIST OF ABATEMENTS FOR 1887.

Luke Knowles' Estate,	\$0.89
Solomon Lovejoy, furnishing boat for Bear Island,	7.50
David Gilman, for dog,	1.00
Gerrish Hines,	.29
Jacob Merrill, (error)	.72
Edson Avery,	.96
Mrs. Sally Choate,	1.92
Herbert D. Felch,	.96
L. J. Gillis, (error)	.96
R. H. Hodgdon,	.96
A. B. Heath,	.96
Geo. A. Leavitt,	.96
Josiah S. Morse,	4.32
F. H. Palmer,	3.84
W. B. Reynolds,	3.36
Thomas Welch,	2.64
Benj. Walker,	2.88
Edd. Willey, (error)	.96
Charles Watson, paid in Webster, N. H.,	.96
Charles S. Prescott, for watering trough,	2.50
Geo. E. Pickering,	.96
W. F. Prescott,	.96

Emery W. Smith,	\$0.19
Stephen Chase,	2.78
Harley E. Evans,	.96
James F. Evans,	.96
Dudley Bailey,	.96
C. W. Crockett,	.72
Mrs. Richard Stanton,	6.30
Newton Plummer, for watering trough.	1.00
D. R. Caverly, for watering trough,	3.00
Isaiah Swain,	4.30
Frank Benitez, (error)	1.72
J. L. Perley, (error)	1.25
Wilbur E. Veasie,	.26
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Total,	\$65.86

EDWIN COX,	} Selectmen of Meredith.
WILLIAM H. BROWN,	
JOHN W. EASTMAN.	

TAXES DUE ON D. R. CAVERLY'S LIST FOR 1887.

James F. Swain,	\$0.96
Charles R. Swain,	.96
George Welch,	1.92
Charles E. Clark,	2.25
Martha E. Lawrence,	1.44
Frank P. Muzzey,	.96
Parsonage at Meredith Centre,	2.88
B. F. Swain,	2.20
A. P. Drake,	.96
J. L. Perley, highway tax,	11.63
A. D. Plummer,	2.82
H. E. Swain,	.96

George O. Swain,	\$0.96
Fred H. Marsh,	1.44
R. H. Clouston,	17.83
W. B. Clement,	5.76
Fred J. Cox,	1.92
Al O. Cox,	.96
J. R. Colby, estate,	3.84
Joseph Dockham,	.96
George Grant,	.96
George W. Greenleaf,	.96
John H. Jackson,	.96
A. Lavally,	.96
George H. Lougee,	2.40
Elbridge Ladd,	1.96
C. W. Maloon,	.96
John C. Page,	1.92

\$74.69

EDWIN COX,	} Selectmen of Meredith.
WILLIAM H. BROWN,	
JOHN W. EASTMAN,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH T. S. MOSES, TREASURER.

Cash in treasury March 1st, 1887,	\$1,739.12
“ received of Selectmen,	737.09
“ “ State Treasurer,	3,788.89
“ “ D. R. Caverly, Collector,	6,376.16
	<hr/> \$12,641.26

Which is accounted for as follows :—

Paid orders of Selectmen,	\$7,617.48
County Tax,	2,427.24
State Tax,	1,708.00
March 1st, cash in treasury,	888.54
	<hr/> \$12,641.26

MEREDITH, N. H., March 7, 1888.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, we find them correctly cast and well vouched.

(15)
 PHILIP D. BLAISDELL, }
 G. G. HOYT. } Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1888.

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH, CR.

By cash in treasury Mar. 1, 1887,	\$3.21
Received of the Selectmen, Aug. 18,	50.00
" " " Oct. 4,	200.00
" Fines on books,	7.55
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	\$260.76
 To paid for Books,	 \$200.15
Express, Freight, &c.,	2.74
Stationery,	.95
Papers,	4.44
Binding Papers and Books,	14.50
Catalogues,	16.00
Cards,	4.50
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	\$243.28
Cash in Treasury, Mar. 1, 1888,	\$17.48
 Number of books let out during the year,	 4,607
Increase over last year,	1,014
Respectfully submitted,	
(16)	A. S. CLOUGH, Chairman of Trustees.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL No. 2 had two terms; first term of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss M. Alice Leavitt. Miss Leavitt tried hard to advance the pupils up the "hard hill," with good success.

Whole number of scholars, 12; average, 12.* Last term of 12 weeks, with 16 scholars in all; average 13, was taught by Miss Sadie E. Neal, who is an active and faithful teacher. Order, the best. Both teachers gave perfect satisfaction. Wages per month, \$24.00, for both terms, including board.

SCHOOL No. 3 had two terms; first term of 8 weeks, had 14 scholars; average, 13, and a second term of 14 weeks, had 13 scholars; average 12. Both terms were taught by Mrs. Minnie A. Bickford, who has had much experience as a teacher in our schools, and did excellent work in this. She is one of our best teachers. Wages per month, \$26.00.

SCHOOL No. 4. Miss Julia A. Davis had charge of this school for the season. Miss Davis. is a competent and conscientious teacher, and, as a result of her faithful labor at the close, her school was a model one in the deportment, recitations and advancement, of her pupils. First term had 9 weeks, with 20 scholars; average, 19. Last term 14.8 weeks, with 25 scholars; average, 20. Wages per month, \$26.00.

SCHOOL No. 6. First term of 7 weeks, was taught by Miss Sadie E. Neal. Whole number of scholars, 7; average, 6.

Wages per month, \$24.00. In report for No. 2, we have said what we thought of her ability as a teacher. Last term, of 12 weeks, was under the care of Miss Jennie Chapman, who is not only a live "go ahead" teacher, but has the happy faculty of interesting her scholars, especially the little ones, and fine tact in teaching and managing her school. Whole number of scholars, 10; average, 9.1. Wages per month, \$24.00. (17)

SCHOOL No. 7. This school is in union with Laconia. This school had three terms; with Miss Julia A. Eaton as teacher, and it is enough to say that her efforts in this school fully justified the praise she has received as a teacher in former school reports, and that she was the right teacher in the right place.

Progress of the school excellent, and the results satisfactory to all interested. First term had 8 weeks, with 7 scholars from Meredith; average, 6. The second term, 7 weeks, with 12 scholars; average, 11. Third term 7 weeks, 6 scholars in all; average 5. Wages, first term, \$28.00 per month. Wages, second and third terms, \$30.00 per month.

SCHOOL No. 8. This school had three terms. First term of 10 weeks, had 13 scholars; average, 12; second term, 17; average, 16; third term, 19; average, 17. Miss Laura M. Sleeper, taught this school, and brought to her task experience, love of her calling, and ambition as a teacher, and worked hard in season and out to advance the interests of the school and help the scholars over the hard places; this was done with tact and an intelligent understanding of their needs and capacity. Wages, first term, \$26.00 a month, second and third terms, \$28.00 a month.

SCHOOL No. 9 AND 10 had three terms; the first of 10 weeks, and the other two of 8 weeks each; all taught by Miss Hattie M. Palmer. Miss Palmer labored hard to have a good school, and to give thorough instruction, but, I think she would have had better success in a smaller school. Whole number of pupils, 33; average attendance, 24. Wages per month, \$28.00.

SCHOOL No. 11 had one term of 17 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Celia J. Corliss. This was her first experience in teaching, but her success exceeded my expectation. Whole number of pupils, 9; average attendance, 7. Wages per month, \$18.00.

SCHOOL No. 12 had two terms, with some unfortunate interruptions. The first was commenced by Miss Beulah A. Cate, who kept one week, but was taken sick and obliged to leave the school. Miss O. Eva Cawley finished the term of six weeks

in all, and taught the Fall term of 14 weeks. Miss Cawley is a teacher of energy and experience, and the scholars rank among the best. Whole number of scholars 9; average attendance, 8. Wages per month, \$20.50.

SCHOOL No. 13 had one term of 16 weeks, taught by Miss Cora A. Plummer, a teacher of rare merit, having ability as well as experience. Whole number of scholars, 9; average, 5. Wages per month, \$18.00.

SCHOOL No. 14, union with New Hampton, had two terms. The first term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss Hattie A. Palmer, and the second by Mr. George W. Gilman, 10 weeks. This was a very good school, and has some good scholars. Whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 10. Wages per month, \$18.00.

SCHOOL No. 15 had one term of 11 weeks, being closed for want of scholars. I did not visit the school at its close, so am unable to speak of its merits. Miss Hattie A. Palmer, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 6; average attendance, 5. Wages per month, \$18.00.

SCHOOL No. 16 AND 17 had three terms. The first term had 8 weeks, and the next two of 7 weeks each. The first was taught by Miss Cora A. Plummer, who needs no eulogy to establish her reputation as a teacher. The second, and third terms were taught by Miss Edith E. Webster, who kept a very good school, and I think, gave very good satisfaction. Whole number of pupils, 14; average attendance for the year, 8. Wages per month, \$19.50.

Whole number of scholars in the town reported as attending school not less than two weeks, 369. The number attending to the different branches are as follows:— Reading, 367 $\frac{1}{3}$; Spelling, 367 $\frac{1}{3}$; Penmanship, 298 $\frac{1}{3}$; Arithmetic, 297 $\frac{1}{3}$; Geography, 183 $\frac{1}{3}$; Grammar, 118 $\frac{1}{3}$; U. S. History, 46 $\frac{1}{3}$; Physiology, 25; Physical Geography, 12 $\frac{1}{3}$; Composition, 34 $\frac{1}{3}$; Philosophy, 10 $\frac{1}{3}$; Astronomy, 6 $\frac{1}{3}$; Book-Keeping, 3 $\frac{1}{3}$; Algebra, 18 $\frac{1}{3}$; Geometry, 5; Civil Government, 3.

In presenting this report we can justly say our schools have been, with few exceptions, all that could be expected, for, generally we had faithful, competent and hard working teachers, who had a love for their noble calling, and a kindly sympathy and tender care for those under their charge, which could only result in excellent schools. We are pleased to say the teachers' registers are nearly all correct, and a great improvement on former ones. It is very gratifying to those who love, and cherish our public schools, that the town votes, without dissent, \$600. or more than 40 per cent of what is required by law, to lengthen out our schools; and well they may, for 19 in every 20 of our children have no other chance for schooling, as statistics show. With this in view, how important it is that scholars should attend our short schools every day, if possible, and that parents should feel the great wrong they do their children when they permit them to stay out of school, which to the children will be closed, so soon, forever.

Our text books were made for long, city schools and have too many details and refinements, that are obstacles and rubbish in the way of the learner in our short country schools. It takes a wise and discriminating teacher to sift out and lay before their pupils, the meat, the gist, or what is most useful to be found in these comprehensive books.

If we are to go along with the town school system, we hope the next Legislature will have the power, the courage and consistency, to crowd the special districts into the town school system, as they crowded us in 1885, if said special districts do not sooner take the plunge voluntarily, and thus give the whole town a common interest in our common schools.

G. G. HOYT,	} School Board.
JOHN WEBSTER.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH G. G. HOYT.

By cash balance March 1, 1887,	\$55.94
Received on Selectmen's orders,	1,310.23
" from District by vote, school	
house money,	148.20
" of L. E. Hall, belonging to 9	
and 10 school,	19.40
" from Laconia for No. 7 school,	
union,	116.00
" from New Hampton for No.	
14, union,	22.65
" Sanbornton District,	5.10
	—————\$1,677.52
To paid teachers, including board,	\$1,485.00
for wood, repairs and incidentals,	86.73
Cash in Treasury March 1, 1888,	105.79
	—————\$1,677.52

G. G. HOYT, Treasurer of school board.

A full itemized report will be made to the District.

MEREDITH, N. H., Feb. 29th, 1888.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and well vouched.

PHILIP D. BLAISDELL, Auditor.

REPORT OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION.



We believe the schools under our charge have been successfully conducted during the past year. Owing to the large number of scholars in the primary and intermediate departments, the total attendance in those two schools being 118, the Board thought advisable to make three schools out of the two. This was done with the most gratifying results.

Believing that the future usefulness and success of the children of the Village depends very largely on their education we, have endeavored to make the schools as efficient as the means at our disposal would allow, and to secure as far as possible the regular attendance of all the children.

The Primary department was again under the kind and excellent care of Miss M. A. Clough. Two terms of ten, and one of six weeks. Number of pupils, 49. Wages, \$7. per week.

The Intermediate department was again taught by Miss M. E. Bedee, with all of her former excellent success. Two terms of ten, and one of six weeks. Number of pupils, 69. Wages, \$8. per week.

The Grammar department, which was under the instruction of Miss M. E. Cram, exhibited as usual the ability of its teacher, and the industry and success of its scholars. Number of pupils, 59. Three terms of ten weeks each. Wages, \$9.00 per week.

The High school has been taught by Mr. Chas. W. Bickford a graduate of Dartmouth, a thorough scholar, and a teacher of much promise. The examinations show that the school has maintained its usual high rank and good progress. Three terms of ten weeks each. Number of pupils, 36. Wages, \$12.50 per week.

The one term in the Summer with scholars taken from the primary and intermediate departments, was taught by Miss H. A. Boomhower, of Vermont, who, with a large fund of knowledge, exhibited marked ability and success in teaching and interesting her pupils. One term of ten weeks. Number of pupils, 28. Wages, \$7.00 per week.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

W. H. MOSES, Sec.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1887.



During the past year a larger number of complaints against nuisances of one kind and another has been presented to this board than usual. In no instance has a complaint been ignored ; but has had immediate attention given and the nuisance abated, several of them by a written notice. The sanitary condition of the town has been somewhat improved during the past year. There has been no report by any physician of any epidemic or malignant disease made to this board during the year.

A large number of deaths have occurred in town the past year, mostly of aged people.

RECEIPTS.

Rec'd for violations of health regulations,	\$12.00
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Disbursements,

Paid F. E. Bickford, assistance on account of nuisance,	\$1.00
P. McCrillis, " " "	2.00
Selectmen, balance of receipts,	9.00

\$12.00

Respectfully submitted,

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B. B. ROLLINS, Board of Health.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MEREDITH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years of each	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 29	Laconia,	Frank E. Bickford, Minnie A. Mead,	Meredith,	26 26	W "	Mechanic, Teacher,	Meredith,	Oliver L. Bickford, Julia A. William P. Mead, Mary R.	Meredith, "	Farmer, Housewife, Farmer,	1st	Rev. Lewis Malvern,
Feb. 22	Meredith,	Geo. S. Moulton, Ida M. Davis,	"	21 26	" "	Farmer, Operative,	Laconia, Winn. Me.,	James P. Moulton, Sarah A. Thomas Davis, Caroline.	Salem, Mass., Gilford,	Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. S. P. Everett,
Mar. 24	"	Samuel Jenness, Abigail A. Perkins,	"	55 45	" "	Farmer, Housekeeper,	Meredith, Ossipee,	William Jenness, Betsey. Stephen Aldrich,	"	Farmer,	1st 2d	Meredith. B. B. Rollins, Justice of the Peace, Meredith.
Apr. 19	"	Ebenezer T. Blake, Nellie N. Young,	"	52 42	" "	Farmer, Housekeeper,	Meredith, Woodstock, N. H.,	J. E. Blake, Sydna L. Charles L. Merrill, Nancy E.	Meredith.	Farmer,	2d 3d	Rev. J. Erskine, Meredith.
" 26	"	J. Warren Clough, Nellie R. Avery,	Meredith,	28 21	" "	Mechanic, Housekeeper,	Warner, N. H., Topsham, Vt.,	Reuben Clough, Mary E. John Avery, Margaret	Warner, Moultonboro,	Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. Eleazar Owen,
June 19	Weirs, Laconia,	Lewis D. Collins, Alice M. Smith,	Ashland, Meredith,	20 21	" "	Glove maker, Operative,	Meredith,	Wilbur J. Collins, Anna. Daniel B. Smith, Jane.	Gilford, Meredith, Moultonboro, New Hampton, Littleton,	Mechanic, Housewife, Farmer, Housewife, Agent,	1st 2d	Freeman C. Libby, Justice of the Peace. Weirs, Laconia,
" 20	Laconia,	Geo. S. Plaisted, Emma B. Hunt,	"	28 18	" "	Expressman, Operative,	Warner,	Benaiah D. Plaisted, Laura B. George W. Hunt, Mary A.	"	"	1st	Rev. J. P. Atkinson, Laconia.
July 2	Meredith,	Charles L. Tilton, Etta B. Moulton,	Meredith, Laconia,	20 19	" "	Farmer, Housekeeper,	Meredith, Laconia,	Charles F. Tilton, Harriet L. J. Frank Moulton, Adelaide.	Meredith, Gardiner, Me.,	Farmer,	1st	Noah Glidden, Meredith Centre.
" 25	"	Charles S. Woodman, Nellie S. Rogers,	Meredith,	39 19	" "	Operative, Operative,	New Hampton, Plymouth,	Benj. P. Woodman, Elizabeth M. James M. E. Rogers, Cordelia E.	New Hampton, Hill, Campton, Troy, Vt.,	Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. J. Erskine, Meredith.
Aug. 27	"	George E. Grant, Alice M. Bixby,	Warren,	21 22	" "	Operative, Operative,	Meredith, Warren,	George W. Grant, Mary E. Solomon C. Bixby, Adaline.	Tuftsboro, Holderness,	Laborer, Housewife, Farmer,	1st	Rev. Eleazar Owen, Meredith.
Sept. 4	"	John E. Prescott, Carrie M. Emmons,	Topsham, Vt., Meredith,	22 20	" "	Farmer, Operative,	Topsham, Vt. Peacham, Vt.,	John Prescott, Mary D. George Emmons, Julia.	"	Farmer, Housewife, Farmer,	1st	"
" 10	" Centre,	Benjamin F. Roberts, Addie S. StClair,	"	26 21	" "	Operative, Housekeeper,	Meredith, New Hampton,	David M. Roberts, Abbie. Charles P. StClair, Julia A.	Peacham, Vt., Meredith, New Hampton,	Farmer, Housewife, Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Noah Glidden, Meredith Centre.
Oct. 12	"	James W. Wells, M. Addie Morrison,	Pasadena, Cal., Meredith,	34 31	" "	Carpenter, Housekeeper,	Manchester, Londonderry,	James D. Wells, Susan E. James Morrison,	Gilmanton,	"	1st	Rev. S. P. Everett, Meredith.
" 18	" Centre,	Alanson Dolloff, Ellen J. Marston,	"	55 52	" "	Farmer, Housekeeper,	Meredith, Milton, Mass.,	Jessie Dolloff, Nancy P. John Manihan, Winnie.	Meredith,	Farmer,	3d	Noah Glidden, Meredith Centre.
" 22	Laconia,	Arthur M. Hutchins, E. Minnie Howland,	"	25 28	" "	Farmer, Operative,	Meredith, Warren,	Samuel Hutchins, Elson A. Harrison C. Howland, Mary J.	Moultonboro, Gilmanton, Landaff, Warren,	Farmer, Housewife, Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. Lewis Malvern, Laconia.
" 26	Centre Harbor,	Fred A. Richardson, Annie P. Torrance,	Centre Harbor, Meredith,	20 26	" "	Farmer, Operative,	West Topsham, Vt., New Brunswick,	Alonzo Richardson, Emma. Robert Torrance, Helen.	Topsham, Vt., Groton, Vt., Scotland,	"	1st	Rev. Frank Mudgett, Centre Harbor.
Nov. 6	Meredith,	Erlon R. Hall, Sadie Marsh,	"	29 16	" "	Carpenter, Operative,	Meredith, Exeter,	Samuel J. Hall, Hannah P. Lewis Marsh, Sadie.	Meredith,	Farmer, Housewife, Fireman, Housewife,	1st	Rev. Eleazar Owen, Meredith.
" 21	Centre Harbor,	Charles E. Tuttle, Abbie Davis,	Centre Harbor, Meredith,	30 18	" "	Engineer, Operative,	Centre Harbor, Meredith,	Nehemiah B. Tuttle, Mary. Leonard S. Davis, Melissa S.	Centre Harbor, Gilford, Meredith,	Farmer, Housewife, Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. Robert Ford, Centre Harbor.
" 25	Meredith,	Newton W. Hickok, Jennie C. Hardy,	"	26 17	" "	Teamster, Housekeeper,	Rumney, Georgetown, Mass.	George W. Hickok, Mary J. Jonathan Hardy,	Groton, Plymouth,	Farmer, Housewife,	1st	Rev. S. P. Everett, Meredith.
" 24	"	E. Fred Owen, Jennie E. Woodman,	Meredith, Compton, P. Q.,	28 25	" "	Machinist, Teacher,	Belchertown, Mass., Compton, P. Q.,	Eleazar Owen, Mary A. Albert A. Woodman, Mary J.	Belchertown, Mass., Compton, P. Q.,	Clergyman, Housewife,	1st	Rev. Eleazar Owen, Meredith.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MEREDITH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child. (If any)	Sex and Condition.					Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child. 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.							
Jan. 18		Male.		Living.	2d	W	George W. Prescott.	E. E. Moorehouse.	W.	Meredith.	Farmer.	Centre Harbor.	Chateaugay, N. Y.
Feb. 17		"		"	1st	"	Addison Files.	Nettie M. Daniels.	"	"	Teamster.	Raymond, Me.	Meredith.
Mar. 13		"	Female.	"	1st	"	Edwin Kimball.	Amy B. Russell.	"	"	Farmer.	Meredith.	"
" 19		"	"	"	1st	"	Almon A. Denny.	Clara A. Hubbard.	"	"	Laborer.	Newport, Vt.	Centre Harbor.
Apr. 17		"	"	"	4th	"	Henry W. Lincoln.	Alice S. Stevens.	"	"	Farmer.	Norton, Mass.	Meredith.
" 29		"	"	"	5th	"	Herbert D. Felch.	Anna M. Felch.	"	"	Laborer.	Sandwich, N. H.	Sandwich.
May 22		"	"	"	1st	"	Nathan D. Morrison.	Jennie E. Barton.	"	"	Mechanic.	Groton, Vt.	Landgrove, Vt.
" 26		"	"	"	6th	"	Frank Frost.	Ella F. Blake.	"	"	Laborer.	"	Ashland.
June 8		"	"	"	6th	"	James A. Sprague.	Nellie M. Tuttle.	"	"	Farmer.	Frankfort, Me.	Meredith.
" 6		"	"	"	1st	"	Samuel Jenness.	Abbie Perkins.	"	"	"	Meredith.	Ossipee.
" 16		"	"	"	3d	"	George D. Merrill.	Mary Bird.	"	"	Watchman.	Centre Harbor.	British Provinces.
July 9		"	"	"	3d	"	Milo Morrison.	Addie Bean.	"	"	Pedler.	Groton, Vt.	Sandwich.
" 30		"	"	"	3d	"	John F. Philbrick.	Martha F. Emmons.	"	"	Farmer.	Bristol.	"
Aug. 4		"	"	"	1st	"	Nellie C. Prescott.	Emma Roberts.	"	"	Laborer.	Sandwich, N. H.	Meredith.
" 23		"	"	"	2d	"	George M. Prescott.	Louisa Cass.	"	"	Blacksmith.	Meredith.	Holderness.
" 27		"	"	"	2d	"	Hosea S. Bryant.	Nellie M. Moore.	"	"	Operative.	"	Plainfield, Vt.
" 31	Daisy E. Patten	"	"	"	1st	"	Charles Patten.	Minnie B. Smith.	"	"	Butcher.	Concord, N. H.	Canterbury.
Sept. 19		"	"	"	1st	"	William L. Taft.	Nellie Ellsworth.	"	"	Laborer.	North Haverhill.	Wentworth.
Oct. 7		"	"	"	4th	"	O. Freeman Bennett.	Maggie Burke.	"	"	Operative.	Montonborough.	Lawrence, Mass.
" 19		"	"	"	4th	"	Warren R. Kimball.	Mrs. — Kimball.	"	"	Farmer.	Meredith, N. H.	Meredith.
" 23		"	"	"	1st	"	Charles M. Thompson.	Mary J. Moulton.	"	"	Marble-cutter.	Centre Harbor.	Laconia.
Nov. 23		"	"	"	2d	"	Frank P. Smith.	Nellie F. Lawrence.	"	"	Farmer.	Meredith.	Meredith.
Dec. 17		"	"	"	"	"	Oscar J. Piper.	Iva A. Nelson.	"	"	"	"	Manchester.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MEREDITH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the deceased.	Age.		Sex and Condition.					Place of Birth.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months. Days.	Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Father.	Mother.			
Jan. 12	Esther Dolloff,	61	10		Female.	White.	M	Housewife,				Sylvester Arnold.	Lucia Webster.
" 14	Richard Stanton,	73		Male.	"	"	"	Farmer,				Paul R. Stanton.	Polly Sibley.
" 24	Smith M. Lawrence,	80		"	"	"	W	"		Meredith.		Noah Lawrence.	Priscilla Marston.
Feb. 11	Judith Denny,	65	4		"	"	M	Housewife,	Alton.	Alton.		Andrew Glidden.	Sally Fall.
Mar. 11	Hannah Shores,	65	4		"	"	"	"	Meredith.	Meredith.		Amel Sanborn.	Hannah Steain.
" 21	Greenleaf Maloon,	74	4		"	"	"	Blacksmith,	Epping.	Epping.		John Maloon.	Sophronia Doe.
" 24	Lydia Berry,	77	9		"	"	"	Housewife,	Sandwich.	Sandwich.		Jonathan Webster.	Sarah Harris.
" 25					"	"	S	"	Newport, Vt.	Centre Harbor.		Almond Denny.	Clara Hubbard.
" 30	Clarence W. Prescott,	80	1		"	"	W	"	Centre Harbor.	Chateaugay, N. Y.		Geo. W. Prescott.	Edna E. Moorehouse
Apr. 7	Belinda Lovejoy,	80	1		"	"	M	"	Deerfield.	Gilford.		Joseph Fogg.	Hannah Thompson
" 10	Priscilla Pickering,	41			"	"	W	"	Meredith.	"		Benj. D. Robinson.	Louisa Hall.
" 10	Helen Baker,	7	6		"	"	S	"	Holderness.	Meredith.		Sidney S. Baker.	Minnie Fernald.
" 19	Geo. A. Wiggin,	22	1		"	"	S	Farmer,	Stratham.	Gilmanston.		Nathaniel Wiggin.	Lydia P. Sanborn.
" 25	Sabina Stevens,	37	2		"	"	M	Housewife,				Geo. W. Tuttle.	Sarah A. Gray.
May 9	Brackett L. Sanborn,	73	8		"	"	"	Tanner.	Hampton.			Timothy Sanborn.	
" 15	Michael Conlon,	81	5		"	"	M	"	Gilford.			Gorham, Me.	Jane Wiggin.
" 27	William M. Webster,	21	12		"	"	S	"	Groton, Vt.	Sandgate, Vt.		Nathan D. Morrison.	Jennie E. Barton.
June 4	Bertie Morrison,	13			"	"	"	"	Ireland.	Pittsfield.		John Baker.	Mary Fardy.
" 12	Thomas J. Baker,	28	23		"	"	M	Operative,	Reuben Smith.	Reuben Smith.		Elisha Vasey.	Nancy White.
" 14	Reuben Smith,	77	3		"	"	"	Farmer,	New Hampton.	Meredith.		Thomas Blake.	Alice Dolloff.
July 3	Thomas D. Veasey,	73	7		"	"	"	"	"	"		David Gilman.	Mary Knowles.
" 7	Miriam Blake,	92	10		"	"	S	"	Newmarket.	Sanbornston.		James Gilman.	Sarah Clark.
" 11	James Gilman,	73	6		"	"	"	"	Groton, Vt.	Meredith.		Milo Morrison.	Addie Bean.
" 25	Martha J. Gilman,	48	10		"	"	S	"	Meredith.	"		James Gilman.	Susan Mead.
" 25	Nancy E. Wadleigh,	63	9		"	"	M	Housewife,	"	"		Lydia Wadleigh.	Nancy Williams.
" 27	Philip Clough,	87	8		"	"	"	Farmer,	Canterbury.	Barrington.		Philip Clough.	Emma Roberts.
Aug. 3					"	"	"	"	Meredith.	Meredith.		Newell C. Prescott.	Nancy Bean.
Sept. 3	Elizabeth B. Bigelow,	78	10		"	"	W	"	Hudson.	Ossipee.		Chas. C. Whitchee.	Emm. E. Jesseman.
" 10	Irvin C. Whitchee,	15	11		"	"	S	"	Wentworth.	Ossipee.		James Welch.	Mary White.
Oct. 14	Thomas Welch,	64	5		"	"	M	Stone Mason,	"	"		Isaac Eaton.	Barbara Smith.
" 14	Hattie C. Sanborn,	42	5		"	"	"	Housewife,	Meredith.	Meredith.		Benjamin Swain.	Polly Swain.
" 17	Isaiah Swain,	79	3		"	"	"	Farmer,	"	"		Jacob Blake.	"
Nov. 3	Jesse A. Blake,	72	5		"	"	"	"	"	"		John Davis.	Miranda Stevens.
" 21	Leonard S. Davis,	52	4		"	"	"	"	Gilford.	Andover, Mass.		John Clement.	"
" 27	Almira Roberts,	81	10		"	"	W	"	"	"		Leavitt Roberts.	Lovejoy Hawkins.
Dec 1	Thomas Roberts,	75	2		"	"	M	"	Canterbury.	Centre Harbor.		William Davis.	Mary Hunt.
" 2	Miriam D. Mills,	72	9		"	"	W	"	Meredith.	Gilford.		Joseph Libby.	Melitable Rand.
" 9	P. R. Libby,	70			"	"	M	"	Rye.	Gilford.		Jacob Willey.	Phoebe Smith.
" 11	Edward Willey,				"	"	"	"	"	"		Moses Evans.	Elizab. Batchelder.
" 22	William B. Evans,				"	"	"	Blacksmith,	"	"		"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. IRA C. BOYNTON, Town Clerk.

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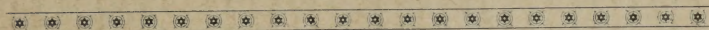
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